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Staff meeting.

Afterwards, I had a talk with Messrs. McDermott and Linc White about Linc's interview with the press correspondents yesterday on the subject of Czechoslovakia.

Secretary Chapman and Mr. W. Alton Jones, President of Cities Service Corporation, came to see me. They had visited the President yesterday. Mr. Jones showed me an invitation from Prime Minister Mossadegh dated about July 21, signed by Mossadegh, and written in French, inviting him to come to Iran and consult with the Prime Minister as to how to put the Iranian oil business into operation again. Mr. Jones said ~~that~~ he intended to reply today, stating ~~that~~ he would leave New York on Sunday night of this week and proceed to Iran immediately.

We had a long discussion on this subject, and as a result of this and a later conversation, the matter was left as follows:

(1) The State Department has no responsibility for Mr. Jones' trip, or his conduct of the conversations.

(2) He suggested, and we agreed, to notify the British Ambassador that he is going to Iran on Dr. Mossadegh's invitation without any sponsorship by the U. S. Government.

(3) He suggested, and we agreed, to notify Ambassador Henderson to the same effect.

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(4) Mr. Jones believes any deal offered by Dr. Mossadegh to an American oil company or companies must safeguard the rights of the AIOC.

(5) He also believes the 50-50 ratio should not be breached, and he will not be a party to any suggestion this be done.

(6) He will postpone his departure until Tuesday night, August 19, and expects to arrive at Teheran on Saturday, August 23. He will be accompanied by three petroleum technicians.

I saw Perle Mesta, and told her about arrangements we were making for SRE representation in Luxembourg to the High Authority of the Schuman Plan. I said Graham Martin would be going there shortly to effect the necessary administrative arrangements, but she would have no control over the operations.

I went to see the President at 12:30, and took up with him the list of our Delegation to the UN for its autumn meeting. He approved it. I also told him of my conversation this morning with Messrs. Chapman and Jones, and he said he approved the suggestions and dispositions made by me.

We had our PSB lunch here today with Messrs. Foster, Smith, Harriman and Allen present. A great many matters were discussed, including the Iranian one, but little in the way of PSB business.

I talked to Messrs. Perkins and Ty Wood this afternoon about the telegram to be sent to Paris regarding representation to the Schuman Plan, [redacted]

I attended the signature by the Federal Republic of Germany of the agreement with the International Bank and Monetary Fund. There was the

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same sort of speeches and photography as yesterday with the Japanese.

Stanley Andrews came to see me and talked [redacted] about TCA activities.

I saw Messrs. Byroade and Jernegan and reported on my conversation with Chapman and Jones.

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